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Iranian Attack on Kuwait

Denials, Countercharges -- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad 'Azizi denied in a telephone conversation with Tehran radio that Iranian aircraft were responsible for the attack on Kuwaiti oil installations. He noted that the Iranian Armed Forces Joint Staff and the Iranian Air Force had also denied reports of Iranian responsibility. 'Azizi called the attack an Iraqi conspiracy prompted by that country's losses in the war with Iran. This position was reiterated by an Iranian Foreign Ministry statement broadcast later by the radio. The radio also said the charges of Iranian guilt were part of a coverup of political and military operations against the region's peoples that sought a pretext for introducing the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

In Kuwait, according to a KUNA report, the Iranian ambassador told the KUWAIT TIMES newspaper that Iran knows nothing of how the attack on the 'Umm al-'Aysh oil facilities took place.

Support for Kuwait -- A Saudi royal court statement, broadcast by Riyadh radio, condemned the Iranian attack and, according to Kuwait radio, both Bahraini Prime Minister Shaykh Khalifah ibn Salman Al Khalifah and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan reacted in a similar vein, telephoning Kuwaiti Prime Minister Shaykh Sa'd al-'Abdallah as-Salim as-Sabah to express their countries' support for Kuwait over the incident. An Amman television report said Jordan's King Husayn told Kuwaiti Amir Jabir al-Ahmad as-Sabah in a telephone conversation that his country is ready to help defend Kuwait against Iranian aggression. KUNA noted the support offered in Kuwait by a PLO spokesman who, speaking on behalf of the Palestinian community there, condemned the attack.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

An Iranian Armed Forces communique, broadcast by Tehran radio, reported that on 2 October Iranian planes attacked a dam and four power stations in northern and southern Iraq, including a power plant in the 'Umm al-Qasr region which it claimed was destroyed completely. On the otherhand, an Iraqi Armed Forces communique, broadcast by Baghdad Voice of Masses radio, claimed that air defenses downed three attacking Iranian planes on the southern battlefront.

Iran

Mahdavi-Kani Candidacy Withdrawn -- Tehran radio reported that Prime Minister Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani withdrew his candidacy in the 2 October presidential elections.

New Armed Forces Chiefs -- Tehran radio broadcast a decree issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni appointing Brig Gen Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad as chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces. The decree said his appointment to the post, left vacant by the death in an air crash of Maj Gen Valiollah Fallahi, is in light of the "recent valuable victory" and of his "admirable services" in the ground forces. The radio also noted that on the recommendation of the Supreme Defense Council, Khomeyni appointed the present commander of northwestern operations, Col 'Ali Seyyed-Shirazi, as commander of the ground forces.

Arrests -- Tehran radio noted that 75 Mojahedin and other dissidents were arrested over the past 2 weeks by Rasht revolution guards.

Government-in-Exile Founded -- Paris radio reported that former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi have decided to establish a government-in-exile in France. A spokesman for the two leaders told the radio that the first order of business is to organize free elections so that a constituent assembly can be formed.

Lebanon

Western Beirut Bombing -- Reporting further on the 1 October bomb explosion near the Arab University in western Beirut, Voice of Lebanon radio said more than 70 people were killed and approximately 200 were injured in the blast. The radio said a number of offices, including that of Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalf, were destroyed and that among the casualties were PFLP leader Ahmad Jibril, who was injured, and Khalaf's personal aide, Amin al-Hindi, who was killed. The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported a PLO communique denying that Al-Hindi had been killed and, citing an official Palestinian source, said the casualties numbered 18 dead and 210 wounded. It also cited the source as blaming "the Zionist enemy and its agents" for the bombing. In a recorded statement broadcast over Beirut radio, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan likewise agreed that the guilty parties were Israeli agents. According to Marj 'Uyun, Voice of Hope radio, Maj Sa'd Haddad held Syrian intelligence forces responsible.

Explosion in Snayya -- Beirut radio reported that when a booby-trapped car exploded in the An-Nabatiyah district town of Snayya one person was killed and another injured.

Syria

In a speech delivered at a graduation ceremony for paratroopers in Latakia, and broadcast by Damascus radio, President Hafiz al-Asad said the United States, not content with supplying Israel with weapons, has offered it an unqualified political guarantee in the form of a recently-concluded agreement that will shortly result in the stationing of U.S. troops and the establishment of U.S. military warehouses in Palestine, a sign of U.S. "contempt" for the Arab nation. Continuing, Al-Asad said that while the U.S.-Israeli agreement is ostensibly directed against a Soviet threat, it is not the Soviets who are in the region. He added that the agreement is really aimed at the Arabs. After denouncing Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat as a U.S. agent who claims concern over a Soviet threat, the Syrian leader asserted that Arabs fear only the United States, which is dominated by "world Zionism." He then went on to claim the likelihood of the United States having asked Egypt to attack Libya as part of the efforts to weaken the anti-Camp David forces. He stressed that if this happened Syria would send air and ground forces to help defend Libya.

Egypt

According to Cairo radio, when asked by journalists about the situation in Sudan, Defense Minister 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah referred to Libyan plans to infiltrate mercenaries there, adding that Egypt has decided to intervene should any aggression against that country occur.

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MEMO TO UN CRITICIZES PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES

LD012042 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] The permanent mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations sent a memorandum to the UN secretary general shedding light on the main purpose behind the interference and fabrications by Pakistani authorities regarding Afghanistan.

This memorandum, which has been distributed among the members of the UN General Assembly and the Security Council as an official document, firmly reiterated Afghanistan's progress in maintaining friendly relations with all countries, most of all on the basis of mutual respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, noninterference in the internal affairs of others and good neighborliness.

The memorandum notes that after the success of the Sawr Revolution, particularly after its new development stage, the DRA Government had asked the two meighboring countries, Iran and Pakistan, to start talks on current issues. Furthermore, the DRA Government put forward proposals on 14 May 1980 for a political solution regarding the Afghanistan situation and for normalization of bilateral relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan and Afghanistan and Iran.

The DRA Government had hoped its neighbors would provide suitable opportunities for holding talks. Nevertheless, when it was revealed that an opportunity for talks might be provided, the Pakistani authorities falsely accused the Afghanistan Armed Forces of carrying out aggression inside Pakistan territory.

At a time when the new peace initiatives of the DRA Government, irrespective of other issues, is asking for normalization of relations with Pakistan on the basis of direct talks between the governments of the two countries, such accusations are particularly regrettable.

The memorandum states that it is clear that the implementation of the recent proposals of Afghanistan would be very effective in establishing peace and stability in the region and in the world.

The memorandum condemns the efforts by Pakistani authorities to create difficulties on this path and for using various maneuvers to create misunderstandings for the people of Pakistan and international opinion.

MUJAHIDIN REPEL SOVIETS IN PANJSHER VALLEY

GF020435 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 30 Sep 81 p 1

[Excerpts] According to an AFGHAN AGENCY PRESS report from Peshawar on 29 September, Soviet forces have attacked the Panjsher Valley from three sides after shelling it for 5 days. A Jami'at-e Eslami Afghanistan source has revealed that the Soviets had formulated a new plan against the mujahidin, of which the mujahidin had been forewarned and had taken every precautionary measure. As a result, they succeeded in thwarting Soviet plans in several remote areas after 10 days of bitter fighting. Details of the battles have not yet been received, but tourists from Kabul say the Soviet forces have been repelled.

A report received from Qonduz says that mujahidin of the (Harkat-e Enqelab-e Eslami) attacked a military camp near (Sawa-e Khushk), destroying one military vehicle and three tanks. Mujahidin also attacked a convoy on the road to (Isa Khel) which was on its way to search dwellings. The mujahidin also ambushed the convoy and killed 125 members of the Parcham and Khalq parties. The mujahidin also attacked a convoy between (Chahar Dab) and Qonduz, killing 47 persons, including 3 officers, and destroying one enemy vehicle and three tanks. Later Soviet helicopter gunships attacked the mujahidin but caused little damage.

BANGLADESH TO TAKE BACK ALL TRIBAL REFUGEES

BK020912 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 2 Oct 81

[Text] Bangladesh has agreed to take back all the tribal refugees who have crossed over to Tripura from the Chittagong hill tracts. This follows a flag meeting between the deputy inspector general of the border security force of Tripura, Mr Jasdev Singh, and the sector commander of the Bangladesh Rifles of Chittagong hill tracts. The Bangladesh side said the disturbances in the area were created by tribal insurgents. Bangladesh will look after the safety and security of the tribal people, they assured.

SATELLITE LAUNCHING VEHICLES BEING DEVELOPED

BK020658 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Oct 81

[Text] India is now developing a polar satellite launch vehicle with the capability of launching 600 kg satellite into synchronous orbits. According to Indian Space Research Organization sources, a parallel program will also be undertaken to produce a more advanced version of the SLV-III, called augmented satellite launch vehicle. This will be used for launching 150 kg class of satellite for scientific and technological purposes.

The All India radio Bangalore correspondent reports that work on both these projects has already begun and is expected to be completed in about 5 to 6 years.

BRIEFS

SUPPLIES TO USSR -- The Projects and Equipment Corporation of India has been awarded a contract worth about 105 million rupees for supply of sophisticated heating equipment, thermal containers and thermal blocks to the Soviet Union. According to the contract, signed during the recent visit of a Soviet delegation, the equipment will be supplied in 1982. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Sep 81 BK]

HUNGARIAN TRUCK KNOWHOW OFFER -- Hungary has offered technological knowhow and expertise to India for the manufacture of heavy trucks capable of carrying loads up to 30 tons. This has been revealed by the permanent representative of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce in New Delhi. He said Hungary is ready to receive experts from India to give them first-hand information on the production of motor cars, trucks and tractors. [Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1000 GMT 27 Sep 81 BK]

FRG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE -- India to receive 133.92 crore rupees as financial assistance for the current financial year from the Federal Republic of Germany. An agreement to this effect was signed in New Delhi on 23 September. The assistance provided by Germany is earmarked for various projects mainly in the fields of agriculture and power. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Sep 81 BK]

HAQ ON AID TO AFGHAN REFUGEES, OTHER ISSUES

BK011558 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Excerpts] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that Pakistan will continue to aid the Afghan refugees until they return to their homes with dignity and honor. Addressing councillors and notables in Kohat this afternoon, he reiterated that Pakistan will never compromise with its principled stand because a foreign power has carried out oppression in Afghanistan. He said Pakistan is in favor of a political settlement of the Afghanistan issue and it will continue its efforts in this regard. Talks are being held on the issue through the United Nations.

The president reiterated that the Afghanistan issue should be solved on the basis of these four principles: foreign troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan, the Islamic and nonaligned status of that country should be restored, Afghan refugees should be allowed to return to their homes with dignity and safety and the Afghan people should be given the opportunity to elect a government of their choice.

Referring to the murder of Chaudhry Zahur Elahi he said he thinks it was premeditated murder. He said the people cannot be intimidated by such violent activities.

The president said Pakistan will continue to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. He said this is Pakistan's right and it will not give it up. He added that no power can harm Pakistan if the Pakistan people are determined to defend themselves and adhere to the Islamic ideology.

AGHA SHAHI BRIEFS ISLAMIC GROUP ON AFGHANISTAN

BK020735 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 2 Oct 81

[Text] Pakistan has reiterated that it will continue to cooperate with UN Secretary General Dr Waldheim's efforts to bring about a political settlement of the Afghan issue. Briefing the five-member Standing Committee of the Islamic Conference on Afghanistan on events since the Islamic foreign ministers conference in Baghdad, Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said Pakistan still seeks a peaceful settlement of this crises. He informed the committee of the talks which the UN secretary general held during his separate meetings with him and Kabul administration Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost with a view to promoting an indirect dialogue with the sides concerning this issue.

Islamic Conference Secretary General Habib Chatti also informed the committee of his talks with many European and U.S. leaders on Afghanistan.

The committee comprises Pakistan, Iran, Tunisia and Guinea; Habib Chatti is its chairman. The committee appointed a three-member subcommittee which will prepare a draft resolution on Afghanistan to be presented for ratification before the Islamic countries foreign ministers. The draft will be a basis for the General Assembly action. The General Assembly will discuss the Afghan issue next month.

BRIEFS

DPRK TV-RADIO DELEGATION -- A two-member delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's official TV-radio arrived yesterday from East Berlin on a 9-day study tour of Pakistan, says a handout. It is headed by Mr Han Kwang-hak, vice president of his country's radio broadcasting and television committee, and left for Islamabad in the afternoon. [Karachi DAWN in English 28 Sep 81 p 10 GF]

OFFICIAL DENIALS OF RAID ON KUWAITI OIL COMPLEX

'Azizi Denies Reports

LD011842 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1716 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] In connection with foreign news agencies' reports on an attack launched by three Iranian fighters on an oil complex north of Kuwait, the Central News Unit reports that Mr Ahmad 'Azizi, the deputy foreign affairs minister, has telephoned the unit. During the call he reiterated: Iranian aircraft never launched such an attack on Kuwaiti territory; these reports have also been denied by the Joint Staff and the Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Have no doubt, the strife-creating hand of Saddam can be seen in this conspiracy; now that the aggressive Iraqi regime has been dealt the heaviest of blows by the defenders of the Islamic revolution during the 1-year period of the imposed war, and now that this regime is nearing total collapse, it is to be expected that Saddam's regime would indulge in such an act.

No doubt such plots, which are hatched mainly to show that the Islamic Republic leaders are chaosmongers in nature, to accuse the Islamic revolution of expanding the war in the region, could explain the reason behind the full and increasing support of U.S. imperialism and its mercenaries for Saddam's regime, and could explain the increasing presence of the superpowers in the region.

We categorically deny that the Islamic Republic ever had invasion and destruction in mind; in these sensitive moments the wounded Saddam regime is clutching at any straw so as to strike a blow at the Islamic Republic and to win the support of the superpowers to save himself. We call upon all countries seeking true peace and security to recognize which government is their real enemy, and we call upon them not to allow U.S. imperialism to succeed in implementing its oppressive plans in the region with the assistance of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime.

Foreign Ministry Statement

LD012246 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 1 Oct 81

["Text" of statement issued on 1 October by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. This morning, the pro-American Iraqi regime's warplanes bombed oilfields in northern Kuwait and then immediately attributed the raid to the Islamic Republic of Iran's Air Force. The raid took place following the grand and successful assault by the defenders of the Islamic revolution on the shattered Iraqi forces. It was launched in order to distract world public opinion and was aimed at attributing it to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Iraqi regime is again making use of a ploy it has used twice before aimed at escalating the war in the region and at obtaining concessions from the Kuwaiti Government in order to continue the war and to attract more U.S. imperialist support and support of its lackeys. Some time ago, following explosions in five Kuwaiti areas, Saddam spoke in an interview about the flight of the perpetrators of the explosions to Iraq, thus implicitly reminding Kuwait that should that country give Iraq a concession on (Bubiyan) Island, then Iraq would return the saboteurs to Kuwait. Another time some Iraqi warplanes bombed the Kuwaiti [name indistinct] on its border. However, one of the warplanes was shot down by Kuwaiti air defenses and crashed into the sea. But the Iraqi agents resorted to wide-scale propaganda, reporting that the area had been bombed by Iranian Phantom jets, even adding that one Iranian Phantom had been downed. However, having visited the scene of the crash in order to send their dispatches, correspondents discovered that the crashed aircraft was not a Phantom but a MiG, bearing Iraqi Army emblems.

To prevent the disclosure of its ridiculous claim [as heard], the Kuwaiti Government immediately issued instructions to the Kuwaiti press to remain silent and it also censored all other press reports.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran therefore expresses its support for Kuwait's territorial integrity and independence and declares its support for Kuwait against Iraqi aggression; it also categorically condemns this aggression. Meanwhile, it warns that the defeated Iraqi ruling leaders are planning to ease the pressures exerted by Muslim fighters on its mercenaries by setting the region ablaze, and thus maintain the free reign enjoyed in the region by its master, America, to expand its influence and domination.

Despite the misleading propaganda made by Kuwaiti media against the Islamic Republic, past events, the revelation concerning motivations behind the dastardly Iraqi raids, and the plans of Kuwait's agents and U.S. imperialism to satisfy its dominating desires, the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic deems it necessary to reveal this grand plot against the Kuwaiti people and the peace and security of the region.

[Signed] Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Joint Staff Rebuttal

LD011738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1715 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Statement released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God. The United Arab Emirate's agency has announced that Iranian military aircraft have bombed Kuwaiti oil centers in the 'Umm al-'Aysh region.

The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the report filed by the said agency as baseless and strongly denies it.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

U.S., Iraq Accused

LD011924 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] A report from a Central News Unit correspondent says that the Kuwaiti press has alleged that three Islamic Republic Air Force jet fighters have violated that country's airspace and raided its northern oil complex. According to political observers, the allegation is a coverup for a series of political and military operations being carried out by America against the legitimate rights of Arab people and the Islamic revolution in the region, one of whose objectives is to prepare suitable ground to justify the presence of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force in the region, particularly in the Persian Gulf.

Some time ago, Kuwait claimed that it had shot down one Iranian Phantom which was violating its airspace. However, having visited the scene of the crash in order to send their dispatches, correspondents found, to their surprise, that the plane which was shot down was not a Phantom but a MiG, with an Iraqi Army emblem printed on it. To prevent the disclosure of this ridiculous claim [as heard], the Kuwaiti Government immediately issued instructions to the Kuwaiti press to remain silent; it also censored all press reports on the subject.

In connection with this new claim by Kuwait, a political observer told our correspondent: Nowadays, Kuwait is subjected to extreme pressures by America and Britain to pursue a profoundly pro-Saddam and anti-Iranian policy, although such a stand could have unforseeable consequences in the long run for Kuwait. Recently, they have even applied pressure on Kuwait to hand over parts of its territory to Iraq in order to secure maritime safety for Iraq. Although this is unpalatable to Kuwait, resisting pressures applied by America and Britain is difficult for Kuwait.

According to some Middle East experts, this new claim is directly linked to the recent visits to the region of Thatcher and Mitterrand and is, in fact, the implementation of part of a timetable which America and Britain are trying to dictate to some of the region's countries. This plan, having been designed by America and the occupying regime of Jerusalem, with the collaboration of Britain and France, is, more than anything else, playing with fire; it could create an explosion in the Middle East and thus severely threaten world peace. But it is doomed to failure so far as the achievement of their particular objectives at the expense of the peoples of the region and their Zionist (?front) are concerned.

An informed source, close to the Foreign Ministry, has told our correspondent: This is yet another plot hatched by Iraq, since, according to available reports, the oil complex was bombed by Iraqi planes. He added: Naturally, if the plan is to carry out the imperialists' designs in the region, then Saddam is going to have a considerable part to play in them.

KHOMEYNI APPOINTS ZAHIRNEZHAD JOINT STAFF CHIEF

LD011054 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Order issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni on 1 October]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Brig Gen Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, may the most exalted God help him: Considering the recent valuable victory won wisely and according to plan, and in view of your admirable services in the ground forces, I appoint you chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Ask God for success in advancing the holy aims of Islam.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni, 1 October 1981

KHOMEYNI APPOINTS NEW GROUND FORCES COMMANDER

LD011110 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] On the proposal of the head of the Supreme Defense Council, Imam Khomeyni has appointed Colonel Seyyed-Shirazi commander of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The text of the letter by the head of the Supreme Defense Council follows:

Your Excellency Imam Khomeyni, commander in chief, may your shadow be extended: Regarding the appointment of General Zahirnezhad as chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the approval of the Supreme Defense Council at its extraordinary session on 1 October 1981 in accordance with Clause D, Article 110 of the Constitution, Col 'Ali Seyyed-Shirazi, commander of northwestern operations, is proposed to Your Excellency as commander of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Signed] The head of the Supreme Defense Council, Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, 1 October 1981

[Khomeyni's reply] In His exalted name. It is agreed.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni

TEHRAN REPORTS ON DEFENSE CHIEFS' FUNERAL

LD011200 [Editorial Report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 1030 GMT on 1 October carries a 7-minute recorded report on the funeral today in Tehran for the senior military commanders killed in the C-130 plane crash on 29 September. The announcer describes various stages of the funeral procession through Tehran.

The announcer then notes that the wife of former Defense Minister Musa Namju addressed the crowd. According to the announcer, she said that "as the wife of martyr Namju I declare to the enemies of Islam that you should not feel joy because you have taken this martyr from me and the children of the heroic nation, because I and my two little children are ready to join him and the whole Iranian Muslim nation is ready to sacrifice its life for the sake of Islam."

Later in the coverage of the funeral, the announcer says that in addition to the senior military commanders, the funeral was also for "Brother Jahanara, the commander of the Revolution Guards Corps in Khuninshahr and Abadan; Air Force Maj Behzad Mostashari, the pilot of the crashed C-130; and Majid Haddad-'Adel, the supervisor of the governor general's office in Kermanshah."

AFP: RAFSANJANI SUGGESTS PLANE CRASH SABOTAGE

NC020959 Paris AFP in English 0955 GMT 2 Oct 81

[Text] Tehran, 2 Oct (AFP) -- A Senior Iranian religious figure today admitted that saboteurs could have been behind Tuesday's plane crash which killed four military chiefs and some 70 others.

"I am not convinced that the fall of the aircraft was accidental," parliamentary Speaker (president) Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani told a Friday prayers meeting in Tehran.

He added: "The experts say for the moment that the probability of an accident is 90 percent--but the possibility of a sabotage exists."

Iranian authorities had previously given no official explanation for the crash, which killed the defence minister, military chief of staff, acting head of the revolutionary guards and chief of staff adviser.

MAHDAVI-KANI WITHDRAWS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY

LD011735 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] Please pay attention to the report just received.

It has been learned from a telephone contact with the prime minister's office that Prime Minister Mahdavi-Kani has withdrawn his candidacy in the presidential election. The voters can therefore vote only for one of the four remaining candidates for the post of president.

MOTORCYCLES BANNED IN SHIRAZ DURING ELECTION

GF011910 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Announcement issued by the Shiraz Revolution Guards Corps headquarters on 1 October]

[Text] In His exalted name. The infidel minigroups and the decrepit opportunists have evoked the intense hatred of the Muslim nation. In a state of hysteria and frustration, they have resorted to instigation, assassination and placing bombs in residential areas. Therefore, to prevent such despicable incidents from occurring during the presidential election, a divine obligation, motorcycles are banned from the city from 2200 tonight until 0700 Saturday, the day after tomorrow. All violators will be dealt with in accordance with regulations.

All Muslim and Hezbollahi brothers in Shiraz are requested to cooperate by obeying the rules of this communique and by arresting any suspicious or dishonest persons.

SECURITY TIGHTENED IN BUSHEHR FOR ELECTION

GF011908 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Announcement issued by the Bushehr security headquarters in Shiraz on 1 October]

[Text] Since blackout time in Bushehr and the districts of the province begins at 1830, all persons wanting to leave Bushehr should report to the Bushehr highway police station by 1730. Otherwise, highway police will prevent them from leaving.

RADIO IRAN CALLS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 'FARCE'

NC011630 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1345 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] Compatriots and noble Iranians: The fifth column and foreign-made regime intends to hold the farce of "presidential elections" for the third time tomorrow. The regime of blood and fire has announced that tomorrow is the day of its destiny. On the one hand, it is using clerical tricks and deceit and, on the other, is using threats and terror to bring the people to the streets. It is up to us to show a decisive reaction to this (?deceit) of the mullahs.

Compatriots: After 3 years of murdering the homeland's youths and of pillaging the nation, the inhumane nature of the regime has been revealed to all. Now the world's eyes are turned toward Iran and the Iranians. With a vigilant act, inflict a strong and crushing blow to the mouth of the lying pseudoclergy. Stay at home tomorrow, Friday. Leave the streets and ballot boxes to the cloaked murderers and their mercenary agents. Tomorrow with silence display your unity, solidarity and national integrity!

BANI-SADR, RAJAVI FORM GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE

LD011956 Paris Domestic Service in French 1800 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Summary] Almost the entire Iranian military leadership was killed in an air crash the night before last.

"This is the very moment chosen by Bani-Sadr and his associate Mas'ud Rajavi to set up a provisional government-in-exile in France. Their spokesman explained the reason for this decision to Pierre Pedissier.

[Begin unidentified spokesman recording] "This program stresses the sovereignty of the Iranian people; a modus operandi based on councils; sociopolitical equality for all; internal autonomy for national minorities, in particular for the Kurds; rational agrarian reforms; the revaluation of progressive national values; abolition of the committees, Revolution Guards Corps and tribunals; juridical, ideological, artistic and professional security; abolition of censorship, repression and torture; equality of men and women; social and political freedoms; and the rights of workers and peasants. Meanwhile, the essential duty of the provisional government in this program is to organize free elections in order to form a constituent assembly. Then it will be up to those elected by the people to work out the new constitution and to choose the president of the republic and the government." [end recording]

CITIZENS ASKED TO ARREST MAS'UD KASHMIRI

LD010752 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] According to PARS, the investigating magistrate of the Tehran prosecutor's office, who is in charge of investigating the explosion at the prime minister's office which led to the martyrdom of President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and Prime Minister Hojjat ol-Eslam Dr Mohammad Javad Bahonar, has asked the ever-present nation to use the 36-million-strong intelligence and security organization and assist that office in arresting Mas'ud Kashmiri.

Mas'ud Kashmiri was one of the principle perpetrators of the explosion; he was the secretary of the Security Council sessions.

Mas'ud Kashmiri, son of Sa'id, was born in Kermanshah. He is of average height and has hazel eyes and blond hair.

GUARDS REPORT ACTIONS AGAINST 'MINIGROUPS'

LD011226 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Public Relations Office of the Gilan Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, Rasht center, announced: During the past 2 weeks, 75 members and agents of hypocritical and anti-God minigroups have been arrested by the Rasht Islamic Revolution Guards Corps on charges of participating in terrorist activities, and participating in the bombings of the homes of Muslim people.

Also according to the Central News Unit, the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Astane-ye Ashrafiyeh announced: The brother corpsmen, with the cooperation of the alert people of the town, discovered a publishing hideout of the American minigroup, Peykar, in the jungles near the village of (?Lasus-e) Astane-ye Ashrafiyeh. In the hideout, large quantities of organizational documents were found.

DETAILS OF 1 OCT CABINET SESSION REPORTED

LD011134 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Iran met this morning. The session began with a recitation of verses from the Koran, after which Cabinet members heard a report on the crash of the aircraft carrying a group of commanders of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic as well as wounded and martyrs from the battlefront of right against wrong. Praise was voiced of the martyrs of the path of Islam, especially the martyrs of that crash: martyr Maj Gen Valiollah Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff; martyr Brig Gen Jamad Fakuri, adviser to the acting chief of the Joint Staff; and martyred Brother Rahim Kolahduz.

The economic and Finance Committee report was then submitted and the bills proposed were approved by the Cabinet.

At the request of the governor general of Western Azarbayjan and with the consent of the interior minister, the Cabinet approved the necessary credit for the reconstruction of the areas purged of counterrevolution agents.

LAVASANI RETURNS FROM SYRIA, PDRY, LEBANON

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[Text] Mohammad Hoseyn Lavasani, director general of the Foreign Ministry's Political Department for Asia and Africa, has said on his return to Tehran from visits to Lebanon, Syria and the PDRY that government officials as well as private citizens in the countries he visited have praised the Muslim Iranian people's steadfastness and Iran's determination to continue the war until the aggressor forces withdraw from Iranian territory. He said some of the people he met stressed that the war should be continued until Saddam is toppled.

Lavasani said that during his talks with officials in the countries he visited it was emphasized that the outcome of the war, as the martyr Raja'i and other government officials had declared, will be decided only on the battlefield.

Lavasani noted that during his visit to Lebanon he invited Amal Movement officials to visit Iran.

Referring to his visit to Syria and meeting with the Syrian foreign minister, the director general of the Foreign Ministry's Political Department for Asia and Africa said: Our talks were very useful. Khaddam has accepted our Foreign Ministry's invitation to visit Iran.

He added: Our talks in Aden dealt with the war that has been imposed on Iran and the crimes of the United States and its reactionary agents. We were in total agreement on all these issues. Some decisions were taken on the opening of an Iranian embassy in Aden and a PDRY embassy in Tehran.

RAFSANJANI RECEIVES ROMANIAN DELEGATION

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Romanian economic delegation visiting Tehran, headed by the Romanian deputy premier, met and conferred this afternoon with the Majlis speaker, Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, at the latter's office.

During the meeting with the Majlis speaker, the delegation's leader expressed his best wishes for the success of the Provisional Presidential Council and the Majlis speaker, paid tribute to and expressed thanks for the Iranian officials in the Ministries of Energy, Agriculture, Industry, Roads and Transport, Commerce and Defense for their hospitality, and reiterated that the delegation's meetings with officials in those ministries will help expand mutual ties.

The Romanian delegation leader extended an invitation on behalf of the Romanian president to the Majlis speaker to officially visit Romania.

ENERGY MINISTER RECEIVES ROMANIAN COUNTERPART

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Romanian deputy prime minister, accompanied by the Romanian energy minister and the ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran, met with Energy Minister Ghafuri yesterday afternoon. During this meeting, Ghafuri said: Within the framework of our policy of "Neither Eastern, nor Western," we shall welcome any form of cooperation with other countries.

According to this report, the Romanian deputy prime minister expressed his pleasure with this meeting. He declared his country's readiness for cooperating and joint planning in the field of water and electricity, and requested the formation of joint committees, comprising experts from both countries, for cooperation in these matters.

At the end of the meeting, the Romanian deputy prime minister invited Ghafuri to pay a formal visit to Romania.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 654, 655

654: Battle Successes

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[Communique 654 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. During the past 24 hours, the powerful forces of Islam opened heavy-artillery fire on enemy positions and inflicted losses and damage on Saddam's invading forces. In the region west of Dezful, gunfire by combatants of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran destroyed two tanks, one mortar, one 106-mm gun, one machinegun, one ammunition dump, nine vehicles and one loader of the enemy. Several Iraqi soldiers were also killed.

Exchanges of fire between our forces and the invading enemy continued in the Paveh region, with our forces destroying one 130-mm gun and three trenches of Saddam's soldiers in the Tavilah region and killing or wounding three Iraqi military personnel.

In the Biarreh and Harginah regions, our forces opened fire on enemy positions and succeeded in destroying eight trenches, one ammunition depot, two vehicles and one enemy machinegun. Our forces also killed or wounded enemy troops.

Intense exchanges of fire continued in the Meymak, Shur-e Shirin and Kan-e Sakht regions; in the latter region, two trenches and one observation post of the enemy were destroyed by the fire of our forces.

Statistics for enemy losses in the Samen ol-A'emmeh plan [to break Abadan seige, named after the eighth Shi'a imam] in the Abadan region include; 285 tanks and personnel carriers -- either intact or destroyed; 301 vehicles -- either intact of destroyed; and 10 loaders -- all destroyed. Approximately 1,500 corpses of Saddam's troops were counted.

During the past 24 hours, our air defense units repulsed air attacks launched by Iraqi MiG's in the southern and western regions of the country.

During battles on 29 September on the southern and western fronts, there were 13 martyrs from the ground forces and 7 from the gendarmerie. Two comrades in arms of the martyr Chamran also gained the exalted status of martyrdom on this day. May their souls be happy and may their memory last forever.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

655: Raids in Iraq

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[Communique 655 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Although we have lost dear ones, the aim still remains as strong as ever. "The offspring of Islam, with iron will and resolve, will defend Islam and their dear homeland and will bring more and more glory for themselves and their homeland." [quotation by Ayatollah Khomeyni] Yesterday, our Muslim and fighting people showed definitely that they revere the true servants of Islam, and with their united presence in the funeral of the brave commanders of Islam proved their gratitude to the fighting forces.

The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran by understanding their dangerous divine responsibility, by sacrificing the dearest people they have without hestitation, with resistance and perseverence, perform their military duties toward Islam and the imam of the nation so that they can emerge from this righteous crusade victorious and bring doom and annihilation to the usurper.

At 0630 today, the high-flying fighters of the Iranian Air Force, in reply to the bombardment of defenseless Abadan by the Iraqis on 28 September and also the enemy air raid on one of the country's industrial installations, simultaneously attacked four enemy economic and military targets in northern and southern Iraq and inflicted the following damage:

1. The Bukan dam and power station in northern Iraq with a capacity of 400 mw; extent of damage 80 percent;

2. The (?Deber) power station in northeast Kirkuk with a capacity of 180 mw; extent of damage 50 percent;

3. The (?Haresah) power station with a capacity of 800 mw; extent of damage 65 percent;

4. The Az-Zubayr power station in the Umm al-Qasr region in southern Iraq with a capacity of 240 mw; extent of damage 100 percent.

We congratulate the imam of the nation and the pure souls of the brave commanders of Islam Maj Gen Fallahi, Brig Gen Namju, Brig Gen Fakuri and Brother Kolahduz and all the ever-present martyrs of history for this great victory.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

TABARZIN, SISTER SHIPS ARRIVE IN HOME WATERS

LD301832 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Sep 81

[Text] The Central News Unit correspondent in Bandar-e 'Abbas reports that this morning, the three gunboats, Khanjar, Neyzeh and Tabarzin, arrived in Iranian waters.

NVOI RAPS TURKEY'S 'HOSTILE' POLICY TOWARD IRAN

TA012048 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 1 Oct 81

[Unattributed commentary: "The Iranian People Recognize Well the Friends and Enemies of Revolutionary Iran"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Some time ago one of the government figures of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during a short interview, talked about the improvement of Iran-Turkey relations. He added that, despite certain statements to the effect that relations were strained, allegedly good relations exist between Iran and Turkey, and allegedly it is the superpowers who are attempting to strain Iran-Turkey relations.

The fact is that the true forces of the revolution have always wanted and want friendship with other countries, particularly with neighboring countries. Unfortunately, our next-door neighbor, Turkey, has so far not only not taken any step toward the establishment of real and sincere friendship, but on the basis of numerous documents and evidence the policy of that country in regard to our revolutionary homeland has been hostile. The true forces of the revolution rightly believe that concealing this fact is not only not to the benefit of the revolution, but in the current sensitive and crucial situation of our homeland where world-devouring U.S. imperialism, its allies, agents and Iranian mercenaries have risen in open war against the existence of the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, it is very dangerous and divorced from the wisdom and logic of statesmanship.

The people of our homeland should be informed about the realities of the country, including the facts pertaining to what is taking place in our neighboring country, Turkey, against the Islamic Republic of Iran; and nothing should be concealed from them in this connection. It should be noted that introducing the enemies of revolutionary Iran as friends to the Iranian nation -- a nation which itself more or less has recognized the friends and enemies of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran in its lifetime and through experience -- at best will cause the people's lack of confidence toward this or that responsible individual, irrespective of the fact that the outcome of this situation is only to the benefit of the sole, main enemy of the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- the aggressor America and the multicolored counterrevolution.

Yes, unfortunately, the relations of the authorities of our neighboring country, Turkey, toward revolutionary Iran are not friendly and cannot be friendly either. This is because Turkey is the unconditional ally of the sole, main enemy of the Iranian revolution -- the aggressor America -- in the NATO pact. The policy pursued by Turkey's military rulers is the very same policy that the great Satan wants, and it cannot be otherwise.

Factual evidence and documents indicate that the Turkish Government is placing every potential at the disposal of Iran's counterrevolutionary forces for the purpose of creating disturbances on Iran's western frontiers.

It is no longer a secret that the bloodthirsty Aryana some time ago traveled directly from Britain to Turkey and is residing in a hotel in Ankara. Currently the headquarters of the counterrevolutionaries of the so-called Iran Liberation Army is in this same hotel.

U.S. imperialism has 28 equipped military and surveillance bases on Turkish territory. Reliable information indicates that these bases, in addition to being directed toward the Soviet Union, are not neglecting free Iran either. The Americans stationed at these bases are engaged in preparing the necessary facilities for crushing the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Now it has been revealed that the Turkish Government was informed in advance of the passage of the aircraft of the traitor and U.S. spy, Bani-Sadr, and, on order of the United States, it did not in the least impede the flight of the aircraft carrying Bani-Sadr in Turkey's airspace.

Factual documents and evidence at hand from Azarbayjan indicate that for a long time now Turkey's security officials have been striving to establish contact with those Kurdish khans who have still not adopted a hostile stance toward the Islamic Republic of Iran. Turkey's security officials have invited these khans and Kurdish leaders to Turkey and are instigating them to struggle against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Of course, the Turkish government is attempting to present its policy toward the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran as friendly. The reason for this is obvious, too.

We know that the Turkish Government owes several hundred million dollars to Iran, and since due to its extremely severe economic stiuation it is not able to pay this amount, is has perforce adopted such a deceitful and hypocritical policy in respect to our country.

The aim of U.S. dregs, like Qotbzadeh, who strived from the outset to demonstrate that Iran's relations with countries like Turkey and Pakistan were allegedly very friendly and fraternal, and who also tried with the utmost power to consolidate relations between Iran and these allied countries of world-devouring America is clear. They were carrying out a mission and are not to blame. However, expressing views in regards to the allegedly good relations between Turkey and Iran by government figures who regard themselves as followers of the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line is divorced from reality and from any sort of political prudence.

NVOI DEMANDS IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND REFORM

TA301812 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 30 September carried a commentary entitled:"There Is No Longer a Pretext, Implement the 6th and 10th Clauses." It said: More than 2 and 1/2 years have passed since the glorious revolution of the Iranian nation. However, despite the demand of millions of toilers in the villages and the true forces of the revolution, agrarian reforms have still not been carried out. After the revolution's victory, whenever the Islamic authority placed the implementation of land reform on its agenda the counterrevolutionaries, in various guises, began to act. Despite the demand of millions of toiling farmers, the provisional government of the liberals, by resorting to demagogic methods, rose in confrontation against the demand of the farmers. Now, especially following the explusion of the Bani-Sadr gang, the farming movement in our homeland, under the slogan of "Implement the 6th and 10th clauses as soon as possible," has attained a fresh impetus. Millions of Iranian farmers and the true forces of the revolution believe that there is no longer any excuse for preventing the implementation of the 6th and 10th clauses of the land reform law, and expect that the responsible officials will take consistent and immediate measures toward the implementation of these two clauses.